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Honorable Robert F. Drinan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Drinan:

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I am writing in response to your letter of 29 January 1978, inquiring about the status of a claim for damages submitted by your constituent. You may recall that former Director Colby wrote to you in June 1975 concerning the mail opening program that was terminated in May 1973 and the unfortunate incident involving [redacted]. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

Several lawsuits have been filed against the Agency in connection with the mail opening program. Three of the lawsuits have resulted in judgments favorable to the government. In August 1977, however, a case involving the program was decided against the government in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and that decision is now on appeal. Pending the outcome of the appeal, we have deferred decision on [redacted] claim and on other similar pending claims.

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We are advising [redacted] of the above.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Several months ago, [redacted]
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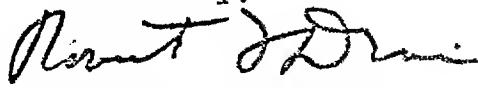
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submitted a claim for damages to your agency for unlawful mail openings. He has not received any response from the CIA on that claim.

I would appreciate your advising me of the status of that claim and when you expect to process it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,



Robert F. Drinan
Member of Congress

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